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Major rubrics:

- **Top Stories from the Sudanese Press**
- **Articles from the International Press**

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 14, 2006

Darfur Peacekeeping Controversy

US-Sudan Relations

- “Sudan Rejects Tying Normalization of Relations with U.S. to Resolution 1706” (Sudan Vision)
- “Failure of Sudan’s Lam Akol in U.S. Assignment” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “U.S. Urges Sudan to Keep Working for Peace” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Dr. Lam Akol Refuses to Submit Message from President Al-Bashir to Rice” (Alwan)
- “Foreign Minister Insists on Delivering Al-Bashir’s Message to President Bush” (Al-Wihda)
- “Lam Akol Fails in Meeting President Bush” (Al-Ayaam)

GOS Position

- “Ministry of Foreign Affairs Criticizes Egeland Statements and refutes Reports of Withdrawal of NGOs from Darfur” (Al-Hayat)
- “Sudan Informs African Peace and Security Council Its Rejection of UNSC Resolution 1706” (Al-Hayat)

Other views

- “Annan Criticizes the Implementation of Naivasha Agreement” (Al-Intitbaha)
- “Sudan Heading For A Disaster Like Rwanda [says UN Secretary General]” (The Juba Post)
- “Annan: Darfur Threat for Entire Peace” (The Juba Post)
- “African Peace and Security Council Meeting Fails to Reach a Decision Regarding AU Forces in Darfur” (Al-Intibaha)
- “EU Foreign Ministers to Discuss Situation in Darfur Tomorrow” (Al-Wihda)
- “Arab League Urged [by Amnesty International] to Push for UN Troops in Sudan” (The Citizen)

- “Journalists Say Sudan Prevents Media Support for UN Resolution” (The Citizen)
- “Prominent SPLM Member [Ghazi Suleiman] Criticizes the International Community [for underestimating political progress in Sudan]” (Sudan Vision)

News from South Sudan

- “Southern Assembly Rejects Jongolei Canal MOU with Egypt” (The Citizen)
- “UN to Help South Sudanese Return from DR Congo” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “UNHCR Plan Massive Returns from Uganda” (The Juba Post)
- “South Sudan Salaries Highest in the Region [GOSS Minister of Labor]” (The Juba Post)
- “USAID Allocate \$87.8 Million for South Sudan Infrastructure” (The Juba Post)
- “Nuer Tribes People Kill 10 in Malakal Market Fight” (The Juba Post)
- “Kiir: Within 200 days Life Improves” (The Juba Post)
- “Kiir Defines the Four Obstacles to Peace” (The Juba Post)

Uganda-LRA

- “No Impunity for Crimes Against Humanity [Jan Egeland on LRA]” (The Juba Post)
- “LRA-members Assemble 400 in Owiny-Kibul and Rikwangmba [near Ugandan borders]” (The Juba Post)

Press Censorship Issue

- “Newspapers Again to Be Censored on Critical Articles” (The Juba Post)
- “Opposition Will Take Government to Court [for forcible repression of demonstrations]” (The Juba Post)
- “Arman[SPLM Deputy Secretary] to Quit Over Press Freedom” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Government is Beheading Free Press” (The Juba Post) “External Connection in Journalist Killing” (Khartoum Monitor)

Other Headlines

- “Many Elements of South Sudan Peace Deal Unfulfilled: Annan” (AP/Khartoum Monitor)
- “CPA in Trouble - Kofi Annan” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Al-Bashir Visits Gambia and Senegal Before Leaving to Cuba” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “President Al-Bashir Leaves for Gambia” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Eastern Front Accuses NIF of Playing Divisive in the East” (The Citizen)
- “East Sudan Crisis Reach Agreement Before Ramadan” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*

- “Taha Briefs Prince Al-Hassan [of Jordan] on Situation on Darfur” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)

Leading Commentaries

- “Solving the Darfur Problem” (Reviewing ongoing diplomatic efforts on Darfur, Editor Mahgoub Salih argues that violence will continue as long as non-signatories are not won over to the DPA.) (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Targeting Sudan” (Despite the CPA and DPA, editorial argues, Sudan remains “targeted by the same old enemies,” now through a UN resolution that undermines the peace process and infringes national sovereignty.) (Sudan Vision)*
- “The Proxy Battle” (Noting the increasing rage against America in the Muslim world as an outcome of the American “war on terrorism,” columnist Ziada argues against simplistic interpretations of the problem in Darfur, which is more a “range war” than a “genocide.” As with Vietnam, relations of trade, investment, and travel will prove better than military intervention in resolving differences.) (Sudan Vision)
- “Freedom of Expression (Editorial laments the increasing violation of press freedom in the Sudan, argues that the INGAZ salvation movement is an autocratic regime which does not respect democracy or freedom of expression. Editorial argues that the confiscation of certain newspapers was made by the authorities in fear of popular uprising against the government)(The Citizen)
- “Future of Press Freedom at Stake” (Editorial argues that despite the signing of the CPA, little change have been regarding the freedom of expression [reference made to press censorship and violent dispersion of peaceful demonstrations] . Editorial further express concern that this might lead to vigorous press restrictions in the future.)(The Khartoum Monitor)
- “Another Early-Morning Assault” (Commentary denounces government’s censorship of Alwan newspaper: security authorities, visiting the newspaper early in the morning, have been substituting certain articles with others – on the subject of Darfur, for instance.)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose “Open Hyperlink”)

[Sudan's reply to Bush on Darfur unsatisfactory: U.S.](#)

The U.S. State Department on Wednesday described as "unsatisfactory" Sudan's official reply to a personal message sent by President George W. Bush for Khartoum to accept a U.N. force in Darfur.

Reuters, September 13, 2006

Sudan rejects Washington's condition for improving relations

Sudan rejected Washington's condition for improving bilateral relations that Khartoum accepts the international forces to be deployed in the western region of Darfur, the Sudanese Akhbaralyoum daily reported on Wednesday.

Xinhua, September 13, 2006

Sudan: Annan Warns Darfur is Heading for Disaster Unless UN Peacekeepers Move in

Darfur is headed for a disaster unless the Sudanese Government changes its mind and allows a force of United Nations peacekeepers to take over from the existing African Union (AU) operation in the strife-torn region, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said today.

UN News Service, September 13, 2006

Sudan says AU can't transfer mandate to U.N.

Sudan said on Wednesday the African Union (AU) had no authority to transfer its troubled peacekeeping mission in the Darfur region of western Sudan to the United Nations.

Reuters, September 13, 2006

Sudan: Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Actor George Clooney to Address Security Council On Darfur

Nobel Laureate and United Nations Messenger of Peace Elie Wiesel, along with actor George Clooney will address the Security Council on the crisis in Darfur during a closed-door session on Thursday, officials with the world body announced today.

UN News Service, September 13, 2006

Problems with Sudan's peace deal

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan has strongly criticized the implementation of the peace agreement between the north and south of Sudan. He said in a report that while security commitments were largely observed, other big issues were behind schedule. Mr Annan criticized the Sudanese government for blocking imports and failing to pass important legislation.

BBC, September 13, 2006

Landmines Kill 23 in Eastern Sudan

At least 23 people were killed and two wounded by landmines in two separate incidents in eastern Sudan. According to Sudanese newspaper reports Wednesday, 22 people died Tuesday and one was injured after the pickup they were riding in hit a landmine near the city of Kassala.

VOA News, September 13, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

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| Al-Wihda | www.Alwahada.com |
| Akhbar Al-Youm | www.akhbaralyoumsd.net |
| Rai Al-shaab | www.rayalshaab.info |
| Al-Watan | www.alwatansudan.com |
| Al-Shari Al-Siasi | www.sharisiasi.com |
| Al-Sudani | www.alsudani.info |
| Al-Khartoum | www.Khartoumnewspaper.com |
| Sudan News Agency (SUNA) | www.Suna-sd.Net |
| Sudan Tribune | www.sudantribune.com |
| Sudan Vision | www.sudanvisiondaily.com |

Other Websites for Sudan News:

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<http://www.state.gov>

<http://allafrica.com>

[Sudan Online](#)

<http://www.sol-sd.com>

<http://www.Sudanmirror.com>

Sudan Radio Service

<http://www.Sudanradio.org>

<http://Sudan.net>

Sudaneseonline.com

<http://www.Sudantribune.com>

<http://smcSudan.net>

www.sudanreeves.org

The African Mission in Sudan

www.amis-sudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)

http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1>

Relief Web (SUDAN page):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJQ&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

NATO

<http://www.nato.int/>

U.S. European Command

<http://www.eucom.mil/english/index.asp>

Sudan Information Gateway

United Nations System in the Sudan

www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan

www.gurtong.com

